California Student Aid Commission

Cal Grant

Presented By: California Student Aid Commission





Cal Grants, Webgrants & You!



Making education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians.



Today's Agenda

- Cal Grant Basics
- Student Eligibility Requirements
- Cal Grant Programs
- Payments, Reports & Forms
- Resources
- Questions?





Cal Grant Basics





Cal Grant Program

- 1955: State Scholarship Program (Cal Grant A)
- 1969: College Opportunity Grant (Cal Grant B)
- 1973: Occupational Education and Training Grant (Cal Grant C)
- 2001: Became an entitlement program (SB 1644)



Cal Grant Basics

Cal Grant is a State Grant

 For use in undergraduate studies, vocational programs, teacher credential programs

For use at Cal Grant Eligible Institutions only

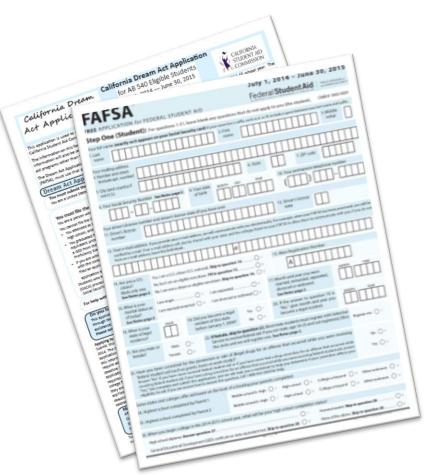
 School of attendance and grant type determine award amount



Cal Grant Application Process

FAFSA/Dream App

- Submit online or paper form
- Student must list an Eligible Cal Grant school* on their financial application
- Must complete the FAFSA or Dream App for year the student is applying



^{*}Eligible Schools List is accessed at the bottom of the CSAC Website



Cal Grant Application Process



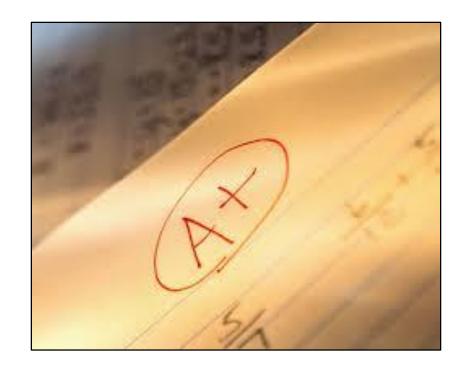
GPA Verification

- Schools may submit GPA electronically or paper forms may be mailed.
- GPAs may be submitted by two methods:
 - GPA Submission with SSN
 - Non-SSN GPA Submission
- Electronic submission is preferred – faster, more efficient.



Grade Point Averages (GPAs)

- GPAs submitted by high schools and colleges
- College GPAs calculated based on 24 - 36 completed units on unweighted 4.00 scale





Re-Established GPAs

- For a student with at least 16 units but no more than 23 units at a California Community College
- Used to qualify for Competitive Cal Grant B award





Cal Grant Application Deadlines

March 2nd

- Students attending any Cal Grant Eligible School can apply
- Cal Grant A, B, and C awards granted
- Entitlement and Competitive awards

September 2nd

- Only for California Community Colleges (CCC)
- Students must be enrolled in the CCC by Sept. 2nd to be considered
- Cal Grant A and B awards granted
- Competitive awards only

Student Eligibility Requirements



Eligibility Requirements

Federal Requirements and Additional Cal Grant Requirements

*U.S. Citizen or Eligible non-citizen

Meet Selective Service Requirements

*Have a Social Security Number

Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress

Not owe a grant repayment or be in default on a student loan

Not be incarcerated

Not have earned a bachelors degree

*California Resident

Attend an eligible California college or university

Be enrolled at least half-time

High School GPA (Entitlement)

* These requirements are supplanted by other eligibility criteria for AB 540 students



Financial Need Requirement

Financial Need Calculation:

Cost of Attendance (COA)

<u>-Expected Family Contribution</u>

Unmet Financial Need

Cal Grant A

Must have a minimum financial need of at least the maximum Cal Grant A award amount +\$1,500

Cal Grant B

Must have a minimum financial need of at least \$700

Cal Grant C

Must have a minimum financial need of at least the maximum Cal Grant C award amount +\$1,500

Income and Asset Requirement

CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION

FOR NEW CAL GRANT APPLICANTS

and

RENEWING CAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

2016-17 CAL GRANT PROGRAM INCOME CEILINGS				
	Cal Grant	Cal Grant		
	A and C	В		
Dependent students and				
Independent students with dependents other than a spouse				
Family size:				
Six or more	\$104,600	\$57,500		
Five	\$97,000	\$53,200		
Four	\$90,500	\$47,600		
Three	\$83,300	\$42,800		
Two	\$81,300	\$38,000		
Independent students				
Single, no dependents	\$33,200	\$33,200		
Married, no other dependents	\$38,000	\$38,000		

2016-17 CAL GRANT PROGRAM ASSET CEILINGS			
Dependent students ¹	\$70,000		
Independent students	\$33,300		

¹ This ceiling also applies to independent students with dependents other than a spouse.



Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Students must make SAP to receive Cal Grant funds:

- School determines SAP
- School must notify Commission of students not making SAP
- Commission sends a letter to the student
- After three <u>consecutive</u> terms, students withdrawn from program

Cal Grant Programs



Cal Grant

- Cycle Types
 - Entitlement: Recent high school graduates and community college transfer students
 - Competitive: all other FAFSA applicants
- Grant Types
 - Cal Grant A
 - Cal Grant B
 - Cal Grant C





High School Entitlement

- For current high school seniors or prior year high school graduates
 - For the 2016-17 AY, student must have graduated high school after July 1, 2015
- Awards Cal Grant A & B

- Must have verified high school GPA
 - or GED, SAT, ACT, HiSet, TASC score
- Unlimited awards





Transfer Entitlement

- For Community
 College transfers
 under the age of 28
- Must have a verified Community College GPA of at least 2.40

- Awards Cal Grant A and B
- Unlimited awards

 Graduated from a CA high school and be a resident



Competitive Cycle

- Students who do not meet Entitlement criteria
- Cal Grant A, B, and C
- GPA must be submitted for Cal Grant A, B
- Dream Applicants not considered for Competitive Award

- Limited to 25,750 awards per year
 - 12,875 for March 2
 Deadline
 - 12,875 for Sept 2 Deadline
 - Only for CCC students
- Scoring criteria used to rank and award students



Cal Grant A

- Low to middle income students who:
 - 3.00 High School GPA, 2.40 College GPA
 - Have financial need
 - Meet the income and asset requirements
 - Associates or Bachelors programs only

CSU	UC	Independent*	For Profit^
\$ 5,472/yr	\$ 12,240/yr	\$ 9,084/yr	\$4,000/yr

^{*} Private non-profit institutions and WASC accredited for-profit institutions

[^] Non-WASC accredited for-profit institutions



Community College Reserve Grant

- If student receives Cal Grant A but attends CCC first, award is "reserved" up to 2 years until student transfers to four-year college
- Must continue to qualify
- Submit school change in WebGrants for Students and let school know they have a reserve grant





Cal Grant B

- Low income students who:
 - 2.00 GPA minimum
 - Have financial need
 - Meet the income and asset requirements



- Associates, Bachelors, and Certificate programs
- Annual Awards
 - \$1,656 stipend first year

Cal Grant C



- Low and middle income students who:
 - Meet the income and asset requirements
 - Have financial need
 - Enroll in vocational courses of study
 - Associates and Certificate programs only
 - Must complete C Supplement Form
- Annual Awards
 - Used for school expenses including tuition and fees \$547 to \$2,462



Cal Grant C

- Two of the following must be met:
 - High employer need or demand
 - High employment growth or industry cluster
 - High employment salary and wage projections
 - Economic security
- Special consideration to long-term unemployed





Most Beneficial Grant Applied

- Can only receive one Cal Grant
- Considered for all awards applicable
- Awarded most beneficial award





Renewing a Cal Grant Award

Automatic yearly renewal when qualifications are met:

- File a FAFSA or Dream Application
- Meet income/asset ceilings and financial need requirements
- A valid transaction must be posted in WebGrants
 - Payment
 - Leave of Absence or Less than Half-time status

Payments, Reports & Forms



Cal Grant Term Advance

 CSAC may send a Term Advance to institutions at the start of each term

Advance is a percentage of the previous year's

reconciled term amount



Cal Grant Term Advance

Example of a 50% Term Advance:

- Spring 2015, City College reconciled \$150,000
- Spring 2016, CSAC sends a Spring Term Advance of \$75,000





Cal Grant Supplemental Payments

Once the Term Advance is disbursed and additional payments are reported, supplemental funds are sent

Example:

- City College Spring 2016 advance \$75,000
- City College posted payments of \$100,000 total
- Supplemental funds of \$25,000

Supplemental funds are processed weekly



Two Ways to Report Payments

Post payments directly to the Cal Grant Roster in WebGrants

- Convenient
- Real-time. No waiting!
- Commonly used by smaller schools

2. Upload your Cal Grant Roster to WebGrants

- Easy payment reporting for hundreds or thousands of students
- Use your Financial Aid Management System (FAMS), to import and export Cal Grant Roster data to WebGrants
- Check "Help" menu of WebGrants for file specifications



Payment Status Codes

Pay Status Code

PD- Paid Payment

• NA- Not in Attendance

SC- School Change

What it does...

- School verifies student is eligible for the term payment printed on the roster
- Student is NOT in attendance; this code "hides" the student's record on the Roster and generates a letter to the student
- School is adding a student to their Roster and not reporting payment information



Payment Status Codes

Adjustment Code

• FT, TT, and HT-Attending Full Time, ¾, or ½ eligible for pay

OF, OT, OH Student
 receiving outside funding
 and attending Full, ¾, and
 Half Time

When to use it...

- When student is attending Full Time, ¾, or Half Time and is eligible for the maximum payment for their enrollment status
- When a student is NOT eligible for a maximum Cal Grant payment due to outside scholarships, grants, etc. and is attending Full, ¾ time, and Half Time



Payment Status Codes

Adjustment Code

- <u>LA-</u> Student taking Leave of Absence
- <u>LH-</u> Student attending less than half time
- FI- Student's financial aid file is incomplete

When to use it...

- When student's enrollment status is active, but not enrolled/registered for that term
- When student is not attending with at least 6 or more units
- When student cannot receive Cal Grant disbursement until they have completed all necessary requirements (provide tax doc's, complete form, etc.)

Codes to be mindful of...

The following codes will <u>withdraw</u> the student's Cal Grant Award

- LD- Recipient in Default Loan
- IG- Ineligible for Grant
- NP- Recipient has Unsatisfactory Academic Progress

- When a student owes in Grant Refund/in Loan Default
- When a student is in an ineligible instructional program for Cal Grant A, B, C
- When a student is not making Satisfactory Academic Progress



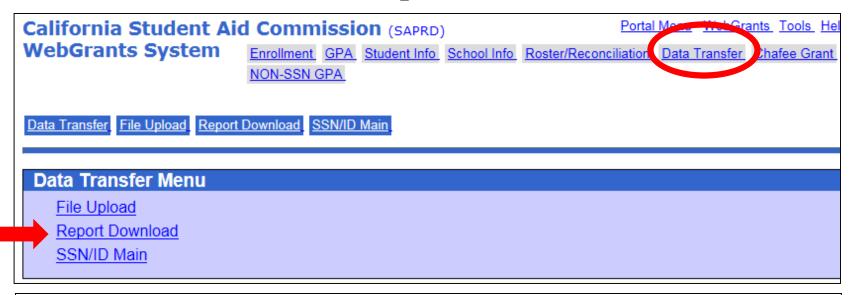
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11-SEP-14	NON-SSN GPA School Unmatched Report	Report	SEP	Retrieve File
11-SEP-14	NON-SSN GPA Roster Report	Report	SEP	Retrieve File
11-SEP-14	Non-SSN GPA Status Report	Data File	SEP	Retrieve File
11-SEP-14	Non-SSN GPA Status Report	Report	SEP	Retrieve File
11-SEP-14	GPA Summary	Report	SEP	Retrieve File
09-SEP-14	Grant Roster	Data File	SEP	Retrieve File
09-SEP-14	E2 Verification	Data File	SEP	Retrieve File
08-SEP-14	Chafee Need Analysis Report	Report	SEP	Retrieve File
08-SEP-14	Chafee Status Roster By School	Report	SEP	Retrieve File
06-SEP-14	HS Grad Date Verification	Data File	SEP	Retrieve File
06-SEP-14	California Dream Act Correction ISIRs	Data File	SEP	Retrieve File
05-SEP-14	Accept/Reject	Report	SEP	Retrieve File
05-SEP-14	Accept/Reject	Data File	SEP	Retrieve File

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Reports



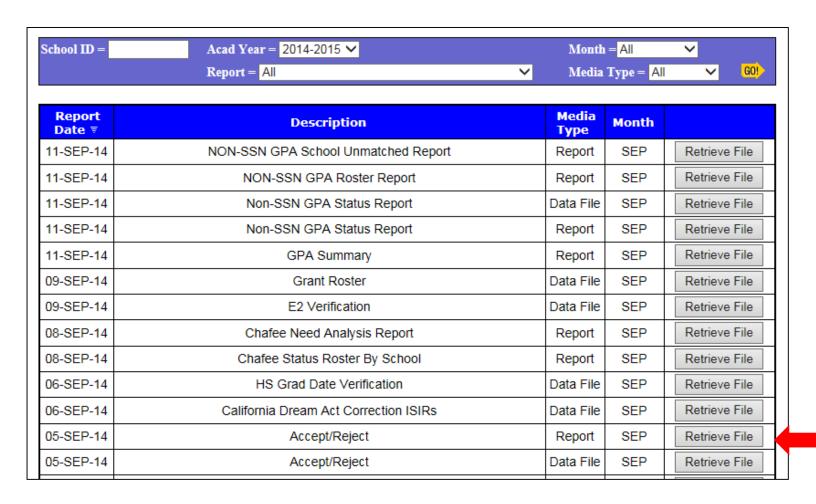
Report Download

- To download or display a report or data file click on the Retrieve File button.
- All data columns can be sorted either ascending or descending order by clicking on the blue column headings.
- To compare two roster files, select Grant Roster for Report and Data File for Media Type.
- To delete uploded Audit Files, select Audit File for Report and the Delete checkbox column will appear.





Reports





Accept/Reject Report

Provides
 confirmation for
 each transaction
 submitted

 Failed transactions will be in the Rejected Section



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Monthly Payment Activity Report

- Cal Grant 'Bank Statement'
- Reconciled student payments you have made
- Year-To-Date activity by term and payment type

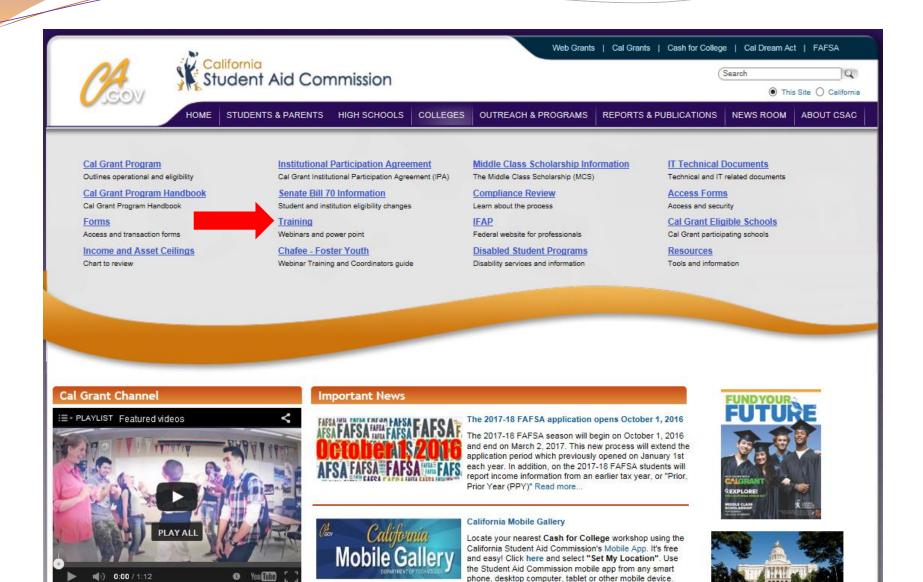
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09-02-11	FALL RECONCILED PAYMENT TRANSACTI	ONS	0.00	141,653.00
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YEAR-TO-DATE ACTIVITY									
	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	TOTAL				
CAT/F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
CBT/F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
CBACC	255,692.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	255,692.00				
CBTOTAL	255,692.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	255,692.00				
CCT/F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
CCB/S	6,732.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,732.00				
CCTOTAL	6,732.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,732.00				
GFT/F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
TOTAL	262,424.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
GRAND TOTAL					262,424.00				

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Resources









GOM 2014-22



July 11, 2014

Financial Aid Administrators High School Counselors

Catalina G. Mistler Chalina G. M. Chief, Program Administration & Se TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT: 2014-15 Cal Grant Award Amo

This Operations Memo from the Califo provides an update on the award amoun Act and provides guidance regarding eligible to complete a Free Application 2014-15 Cal Grant Award Amoun



SPECIAL ALERT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Update from the California Student Aid Commission June 30, 2014

GSA 2014-19

TO: Financial Aid Administrators FROM:

Catalina G. Mistler Chalina & Mitter

Chief, Program Administration & Services Division

SUBJECT: Annual Renewal of WebGrants Access Forms

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds

- WebGrants Information Security and Confidentiality Agreement (Confidentiality
- WebGrants System Administrator's Access Request Form (Access Request Form)

The deadline to submit WebGrants access forms is July 31, 2014.



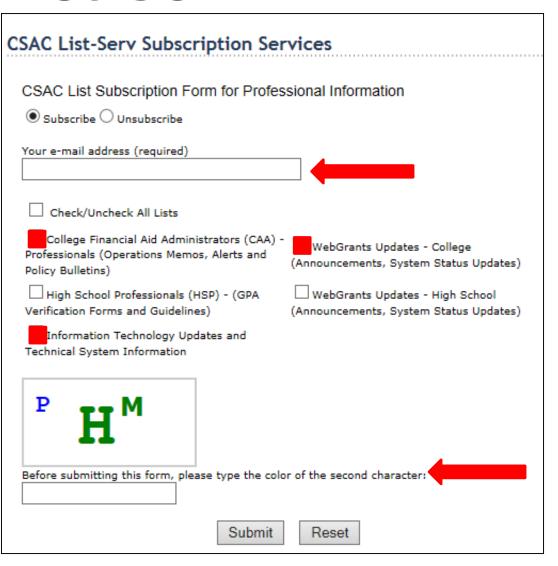
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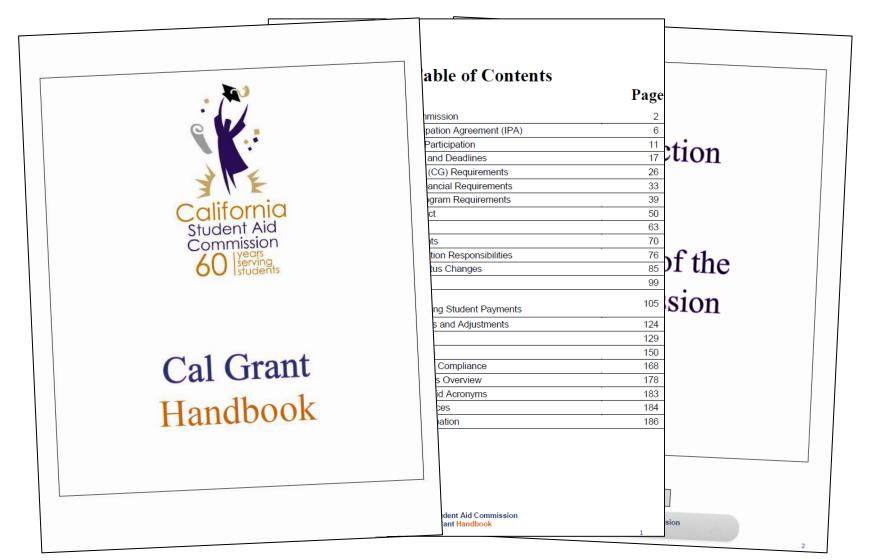
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